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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES

THE third annual meeting of the Spanish-American War Nurses will be held at Washington, D. C., December 1 to 8, 1902.

The programme, in so far as it can be arranged in advance of the meeting, will consist of business meetings the mornings of Tuesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 3; of a general reception, December 1; of a number of official receptions throughout the week; of reminiscence meetings; of sight-seeing, and excursions to places of special interest to army nurses.

The second session of the Fifty-seventh Congress will open at the Capitol at noon, December 1, and nurses wishing to see the exercises must secure seats one or two hours before that time. It is an advantage to obtain admission cards in advance from some Senator or Representative, as the long wait can then be shortened.

Railroad Rates.—Concessions of one and one-third fare for the round trip on the "certificate plan" have been secured from a number of roads, provided not less than one hundred persons, including members and their friends, buy tickets. Particulars will be mailed to members. The courtesy of participating in the meetings, except the official receptions and business voting, will be extended to friends of members, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Head-Quarters.—The business meetings and reminiscence evenings will be held at head-quarters, which will be the Ebbitt House, corner of F and Fourteenth Streets. This is a hotel of the first class, which caters especially to the Army and Navy, and it offers the Spanish-American War Nurses an exceptionally low rate of two dollars and a half a day for room and four meals, including a late supper. If two wish to room together, they can obtain a large alcove or double room. If the European plan is preferred, a room at one dollar may be had at the St. James Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, opposite the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, nine blocks from the Ebbitt. La Fetra's Hotel, G and Eleventh Streets, four blocks from the Ebbitt, offers accommodation at one dollar if two occupy a bed. Meals are served at twenty-five or thirty-five cents each at La Fetra's and other cafés. To be sure of accommodations at any of these hotels room should be engaged some time in advance and the Spanish-American War Nurses should be mentioned.

Receptions.—It is expected that the President will receive the nurses at the

White House, but a definite appointment cannot be made so long in advance. The Honorable the Secretary of War (Mr. Root) will "be happy to receive the members of the society at the War Department." The recently appointed Surgeon-General of the Army, Brigadier-General R. M. O'Reilly, cordially invites the nurses to call upon him at his office in the War Department. He will be assisted in receiving by Major Jefferson R. Kean (formerly of the Seventh Army Corps), Major Walter D. McCaw, Captain M. W. Ireland, and Captain C. R. Darnall (all of whom served in Cuba and at Montauk), and by Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, Superintendent of the Nurse Corps. The Surgeon-General of the Navy, Admiral P. M. Rixey, will also be pleased to receive the members, a few of whom were appointed for naval service before being reappointed to the army.

The appropriate dress for these official receptions is the white nursing uniform, and each member is especially requested to bring one with her. The Ebbitt is near the White House and War and Navy Departments, and it is probable that the above receptions will be held on the same afternoon.

Hon. J. A. T. Hull, chairman, and the members of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives will be happy to receive the members at their committee-room in the Capitol.

Members of the society and friends whom they may bring with them are invited to the home of Professor W. J. McGee and Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, 1901 Baltimore Street, on Monday evening, December 1, from eight to eleven o'clock. Senator Joseph R. Hawley, chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, and Mrs. Hawley will assist in receiving, and the members will also be cordially welcomed by Brigadier-General George M. Sternberg, "our Surgeon-General," and Mrs. Sternberg. The officers of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, the officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps of 1898, and others whom the Spanish-American War Nurses will be pleased to greet, will be present on this occasion. Baltimore Street is on Washington Heights, northwest of the city proper, and is reached by both lines of street-cars. The Columbia Road cars, which pass the Ebbitt, stop one block east of Dr. McGee's house. Evening dress will not be necessary. It is probable that other receptions will be announced later.

Reminiscence Evenings.—Each and every member is most earnestly requested to send some contribution, either large or small, to the "reminiscence bag," which will be opened on the evenings we devote to talking over "old times." If any member cannot come to the meeting, it is hoped that she may at least send us an account of army experiences, or some anecdote that deserves to be remembered. Let these talks be made the most interesting part of the meeting.

Camps.—Each camp of the Spanish-American War Nurses is expected to make a report, which will be read at one of the morning sessions.

Exhibition Drills.—By courtesy of Major W. C. Borden, members are invited to visit the General Hospital at Washington Barracks. An exhibition drill of the Company of Instruction, Hospital Corps, United States Army, commanded by Captain Charles Reynolds, will be held especially for the Spanish-American War Nurses. This will include the erection of a regimental field hospital which will show the complete and most modern equipments of the field hospital, with its kitchen. This feature of the meeting is one which the above-named officers have arranged especially for the war nurses, and which, if nothing else were offered, would be well worth a trip to Washington.

Excursions.—A trip will be made to the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., across the Potomac from Washington, to view the ground set apart for the

burial, with military honors, of the army nurses of the Spanish-American War who may desire to lie there. The Post Hospital at Fort Myer, at which so many nurses served in 1898, adjoins Arlington and may be visited at the same time.

The Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company offer special rates to those who may wish to visit Fortress Monroe, "the largest fort in America," with its hospital, which, like Fort Myer, was a large General one in 1898. The Josiah Simpson Hospital is no longer in existence, but visits may be made to the Soldiers' Home and the Normal Agricultural Institute for Negroes and Indians at Hampton, or to the great ship-yard at Newport News, or to Norfolk and Portsmouth, with its Navy Yard, and Virginia Beach, on the ocean. Jamestown and Yorktown are not far distant. The boats run at night, and special round-trip tickets at four dollars will be on sale December 5 and 6, with limit of five days.

A trip to Mount Vernon, the home of Washington, will be taken by electric cars.

Sights.—The Capitol, Library of Congress, and many of the other sights of Washington will be visited as fully as time will allow. Committees of the Daughters of the American Revolution have kindly offered their services to escort members about the city. Those who would like to arrive before December 1 in order to have more time in the city are requested to notify Dr. McGee, so that some early sight-seeing parties may be planned.

ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE, President.

MEETINGS OF NEW JERSEY STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

THE regular annual meeting of the New Jersey State Nurses' Association will be held in Paterson, N. J., Tuesday, December 2, 1902. The meeting will be called to order at ten A.M. in "Entre Nous" Hall, Oliver Street near Main. For the convenience of such members as can attend only for a few hours, it will be so arranged that all may vote in the election of the officers at whatever time they may be present. There is much important work to be done, and the meeting bids fair to be exceedingly interesting.

EFFA FAHRINGER, Secretary.

MRS. BEDFORD-FENWICK'S LETTER TO THE SUPERINTENDENTS AT DETROIT *To the President American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses.*

DEAR MADAM: As president of the International Council of Nurses it is my privilege to convey to the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses, assembled in annual conference, the greetings of this council, and to wish success to its deliberations. In the nursing world the past year has been, to some extent, one of contemplation in regard to the many lessons learnt at the great International Nursing Congress at Buffalo, but we must now begin to look forward instead of backward, for the next meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Berlin in 1904 will soon be here. The date has been fixed with only a three-, instead of a five-, years' interval between the two meetings in order that it may be held simultaneously henceforth with the quinquennial meeting of the International Council of Women.

It is not proposed to organize a Nursing Congress at Berlin, but to hold two sessions of the International Council of Nurses, one for the transaction of business, and the other to afford an opportunity for receiving reports upon questions of vital interest to the nursing profession. A subject which at once

suggests itself at the present time is that of the State registration of trained nurses (concerning the desirability of which a unanimous resolution was passed at Buffalo) and, as a necessary preliminary, the definition of the educational curriculum for nurses which should be insisted upon before they are held eligible for such registration. I shall be glad to receive from the American Society of Superintendents suggestions as to subjects they consider desirable for discussion before the Agenda of the meeting is sent out next year.

I have watched with great pleasure the organization of State associations of nurses for the purpose of obtaining State registration in the United States. The reports of the progress and experiences of these associations cannot fail to be of interest and benefit to the nurses of other nations.

In Great Britain we have this year, as you are aware, formed a society having the State registration of trained nurses as its sole aim. We have found by experience that if the subject is incorporated in the objects of other societies it does not receive sufficient prominence to be effective. The present business of the society is the education both of the public and of nurses on the whole question of registration and its educational and economic effects.

Effective interest is difficult to arouse, for in this country reforms are not easy of attainment without the support and social influence of the leisured classes, and the educational and economic issues involved in the State registration question are incomprehensible to the average protected and non-wage-earning woman, nor do the self-supporting and self-respecting aspirations of trained nurses appeal to her.

It is difficult for a democratic country to appreciate the political influence of the aristocratic classes in a country which maintains a monarchy. It is the intellectual middle classes who, for the most part, appreciate that the higher education question is involved in our demand, and from whose ranks some of the brightest and best women have come forward to help us by acting as vice-presidents of our society, women who have made their mark in educational and other public work, and whose help and advice will be invaluable to trained nurses, who are, as a class, neither independent nor versed in the methods of public business.

Recent communication with the matrons and many trained nurses in this country on the question of State registration has been distinctly encouraging. Whereas ten years ago many of our most deeply respected matrons were either totally ignorant of or opposed to legal status for trained nurses, with very few exceptions they now declare themselves in favor of the principle of State registration, although many of them do not at present seem inclined to take an active part in urging this reform upon the Legislature. The economic side of the question naturally affects private nurses much more closely than those working in institutions, and it is largely the private nurses who are coming forward to join our new society and urge forward its propaganda.

I am to have the privilege of speaking before meetings of nurses on this question in Scotland at an early date, and have every hope that when once the forceful women of North Britain begin to consider the question they will not be long in giving it strong and hearty support.

Indeed, the attainment of the registration of trained nurses seems to be within measurable distance, for the precedent established in the registration of the medical profession must, in compliance with the laws of evolution, sooner

or later be universally applied to that of nursing. We have only to advocate our principles with courage and constancy, and the victory is ours.

I am, dear madam,

Yours faithfully,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,

President International Council of Nurses.

REGULAR MEETINGS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular meeting of the Long Island College Hospital Alumnae was held on Tuesday, the 7th instant, being the first meeting after the summer vacation, Miss A. Davids, the president, in the chair, twenty-one members being present. Miss Jensen, the recording secretary, not having returned from her vacation in Norway, her duties were undertaken by Miss M. Tweedale. Miss Burdick, having just returned from a European trip, gave some account of how hospitals were conducted there. After the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served and a happy social hour enjoyed by all present.

CLEVELAND, O.—The graduate nurses of the Cleveland General Hospital met at the hospital September 22, 1902, to organize an Alumnae Association. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Johnson; secretary, Miss Reuter; treasurer, Miss Spaldinger. Miss Smythe, superintendent of the Training-School, was elected honorary president.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—A meeting of the Graduate Nurses of Brooklyn, N. Y., was held in the Hoagland Laboratory Thursday, October 2, 1902, the president, Miss B. Montieth, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the Committee on the Constitution was presented and on motion was adopted. After a recess of fifteen minutes for the signing of the constitution by those present the meeting was again called to order, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

HARTFORD, CONN.—The quarterly meeting of the Hartford Hospital Alumnae was held at the Nurses' Home on September 2. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Wilkinson; vice-president, Miss Butler; treasurer, Miss Way; recording secretary, Miss West; corresponding secretary, Miss Russell.

A special meeting of this alumnae was held at 90 Buckingham Street October 8. At this meeting it was unanimously voted to unite with the Hartford Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas in raising a fund to provide a private room and bed for nurses at the Hartford Hospital.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The regular meeting of the University Hospital Alumnae was held on Monday, October 6, at three P.M. in the Nurses' Home. The president called the meeting to order, nine members responding. After roll-call correspondence which has accumulated since the regular secretary went abroad was read. The resignation of the vice-president, Miss Shackford, was learned with much regret. The names of twelve members were dropped from the roll. Since the amendments to Articles III. and VIII. were made they may be reinstated at any time upon payment of arrears in dues. One new member was proposed. Then

followed an interesting talk by Miss Pulaski about the ways and means of raising money for the "E. R. Fund," immediately after which the meeting adjourned.

BOSTON.—The New England Hospital Training-School Alumnae Association began its monthly meetings at the hospital on Saturday, October 11, at three P.M., with Miss Hodgins, the president, in the chair. There were sixteen members present and four new members were enrolled. The topics discussed were the sick relief fund and how best to meet the needs of sick members; "The Club-House: the club-house seems to be one of the things for us in the near future;" "The Registry: Should nurses who are not registered be given cases from the Registry?" The next subject for discussion was the school pin. The present pin will be modified and made smaller. The design remains the same,—Maltese cross in the enamel and laurel-wreath in gold. The centre head will be abolished, and in its place will be the letters N. E. H. in gold. Members who desire to have the class pin can procure the same by applying to Miss A. Dillet, New England Hospital. The meeting adjourned at 4.15 P.M. Tea was served at the Nurses' Home.

BUFFALO.—The regular meeting of the Erie County Hospital Alumnae Association met September 3 in the pretty balcony of the new hospital building, the junior nurses having arranged it very prettily for the graduates. Routine business was transacted. The Committee on Revision of Constitution, Miss Keating, chairman, asked for an additional three months, in which to complete its work. The president, Miss McKinnen, is very enthusiastic about the Alumnae Association, and made some pleasing remarks about the members being more sociable in their meetings, instead of devoting all their time and thought to the study course. She suggested that a motto be chosen, which subject will be taken up later. Some remarks and a suggestion by the secretary in reference to our Alumnae joining the New York State Nurses' Association were well received by the members, and it was moved, seconded, and adopted that an application be sent in before the regular meeting in January. The meeting adjourned at five P.M. to meet the first Wednesday in December.

NEW YORK.—The Post-Graduate Nurses' Club has been moved to 120 East Thirty-first Street.

FROM the *Alumnae Association Journal* of the Illinois Training-School we take a number of interesting notes this month:

"The Committee on Programme, Dr. Hackett and Miss DeWitt, report that the following lecturers have been secured:

"October.—Dr. Norman Bridge, 'A New Field of Usefulness for the Trained Nurse.'

"November.—Jane Addams, 'Sociological Topics.'

"December.—Ernest P. Bicknell, superintendent Bureau of Charities, 'Organized Charities.'

"January.—Musical.

"February.—Henry W. Thurston, 'The Evolution of Industry.'

"March.—Florence W. Kelly, superintendent National Consumers' League, 'Consumers' League and Legislation of Child Labor.'

"April.—Julia Lathrop, 'Trained Nursing for the Insane.'

"*May*.—Final meeting of the year and a picking up generally of all loose ends.

"It is earnestly desired that while the question of programme is subject to vote, the voting will be a mere formality, and the above report will be received with unanimous approval."

MISS LENA L. ROGERS, of the Nurses' Settlement at 265 Henry Street, New York City, has just returned from a three-months' trip abroad.

CORRECTIONS

ON page 57 of the October number Miss Charlotte R. Brown should be credited as being in charge of the Hartford Hospital Training-School instead of the Boston Lying-in Hospital.

IN the birth announcements of the same number the date of graduation of Mrs. Tate should read 1895, instead of 1902.

MARRIAGES

AT Chicago, Ill., on October 1, Mrs. Elizabeth Burgett to Mr. George Delwin Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Wood will reside in Colfax, Iowa.

AT Meriden, N. Y., on September 23, Miss S. Louise Laird, graduate of the Rochester City Hospital School for Nurses, to Dr. Thomas Jefferson Currie.

IN New York, on May 30, Miss Hope Field, graduate of Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, Class of 1890, to Mr. William H. Bentley, of Jamestown, N. Y.

AT Salida, Cal., June 12, Miss Lela C. Thirsh (Illinois Training-School, Class of 1897) to Dr. Charles A. Ferris.

AT Marion, Ia., June 11, Miss Nora Helen Stookey (Illinois Training-School, Class of 1897) to Mr. William Harry Clark.

AT Detroit, Mich., June 4, Miss Helen M. Bagly (Illinois Training-School, Class of 1900) to Dr. Franklin K. Burr.

MISS ELIZABETH BARNETT (Illinois Training-School, Class of 1897) to Mr. David Franklin Peck.

BIRTHS

AT Brooklyn, N. Y., August 27, 1902, to Mrs. J. Howard Markle, a son. Mrs. Markle was Miss Effie Scudder, a graduate of Long Island College Hospital, Class of 1892.

TO MRS. MASON (*née* Adelaide Green, Class of 1901, Illinois Training-School), Cambridge, Mass., a daughter.

OBITUARY

ST. LUKE'S ALUMNÆ, CHICAGO.—It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death, on October 1, of Mrs. William T. Wells, formerly Louise Salter. Mrs. Wells graduated from St. Luke's Training-School, Chicago, 1894. After a year of private duty she became associated with the Chicago Visiting Nurse Association and later went to Columbus, O., to start the visiting nurse work there. In October, 1899, she was married to Mr. Wells, a prominent business man of Columbus.

To few women is it given to exercise in so short a life-time so marvellous an example of love and duty as to Louise Salter Wells, for both in her private and professional life to know her was to love her.

Resolved, That we, the members of St. Luke's Alumnæ Association, extend our united and heart-felt sympathies to the bereaved husband and relatives of our sister nurse.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and entered upon the minutes of the association.

MAY D. COLLINS,
ALICE BEARDSLEY,
JESSIE M. KEYS,
HARRIET FULMER,
MAY C. DRAPER,

Committee on Resolutions.

MISS SUZANNE PARIS died at Xenia, O., on September 13, 1902, after an illness of four months' duration. She was a graduate of Cook County Hospital Training-School for Nurses at Chicago. For a time she was superintendent at Waukegan, Ill., and did private nursing in both Chicago and Indianapolis. She was a member of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Indianapolis, Ind., and was a most conscientious and cheerful nurse.

At her bedside at the time of her death was Miss Mary Paris, her only sister, who by her death is left quite alone. Miss Mary Paris is a graduate of The Flower Mission Training-School for Nurses, Indianapolis, Ind., Class of 1887.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Graduate Nurses' Association at their regular meeting, October 8, 1902:

"WHEREAS, Inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our dear associate, Miss Suzanne Paris, a member of our association,

Resolved, That we, the members, record our sorrow at the loss of our dear friend, since the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy that will be deeply realized by the members of this association, and will prove a loss to the nursing profession; and be it further

Resolved, That with deep sympathy for the bereaved sister of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to her may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for publication, and that a copy be sent to the sister and the same recorded in the minutes of our meeting.

"MISS HALE,
"MISS CORLISS,
"MISS BELK."

DIED, in Geneva, N. Y., on October 5, 1902, after a brief illness, Mariah Morrison, graduate of Blockley Hospital Training-School, Class of 1892.

"It is with much sorrow that the Geneva Association of Graduate Nurses receives the news of the death of Miss Mariah Morrison, one of our most esteemed members. Since her graduation from Blockley Hospital Training-School, Philadelphia, in 1892, she has for the most part been engaged in private nursing in and about Geneva, in which work her efficiency and faithfulness have won for her the lasting friendship of patients and physicians, while her modest, loving nature has endeared her to those who had the privilege of knowing her intimately. She filled a useful place in the life of this community, and her death comes as a personal bereavement to many.

"Since the organization of our association Miss Morrison has been one of our officers, and has always manifested great interest in the affairs of the association. We, her associates, feel that in her death we have lost a sincere and much-loved friend and the profession a highly esteemed member. Be it therefore

"*Resolved*, That we do sincerely sympathize with her mother and sister in their great bereavement, and desire to express to them the esteem in which we held our sister-nurse.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent them and also placed upon our minutes, sent to the *Trained Nurse*, THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and the *Geneva Daily Times*.

"In behalf of the association,

"GERTRUDE SEELY,
"Secretary."

DIED, at Brooklyn, N. Y., July 21, 1902, of uræmic coma, Miss Harriet C. Hynds. Miss Hynds was a graduate of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training-School for Nurses of Brooklyn, N. Y., Class of 1901. Although her work had scarce begun, she ranked as one of the most skilful of her school.

The following resolutions were adopted at the last meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst Miss Harriet C. Hynds, one of our youngest and brightest members; therefore

"*Resolved*, That in her death our association has lost a highly esteemed and much-loved member, and the profession a most energetic worker.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family with our deepest sympathy, also that copies be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, the *Trained Nurse*, and *Hospital Review*, and that record be made of the same in the minutes of this meeting.

"SADIE C. PAYNE,
"KATHRYN F. LEWIS,
"Committee on Resolutions."

IN MEMORIAM.—Miss Fannie Scovill, graduate nurse Long Island College Hospital, entered into immortality at Denver, Col., September 15, 1902.

"As comes the evening to one weary,' so came the end of life's pilgrimage to this dear one. The shadow that has fallen across hearts and homes by the clouds of sorrow is illumined with the memories of the past, and there are no regrets nor accusing voices to darken them. A life so gentle and so useful brightens even the gloom of the grave, and the mortality which has come to its

natural end invests her remembrance with an immortality that has no limit. All who knew her cherish the memory of past hours spent in her company, and her devotion to duty, her cheerful performance of it, and the patience amid suffering that brought rest at last are the bright hues that linger around the place of the going down of her sun. Her guardian Angel led her,

‘With a gentle hand
To the land of the great Departed,
Into the Silent Land,’

and they who remain say, ‘Good-by till God’s morning.’”

At Salida, Cal., early in September, of appendicitis, Miss Cora Sibole (Illinois Training-School, Class of 1900).

